

# THE BANNER



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## Sunday Schedule

9:00 am Two-Way Prayer Grp

10:30 am Liturgy of the Word

**The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert**  
Rector

**The Rev. Jim Enelow**  
Deacon

**Mi-Young Kim**  
Music Minister

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**Stefan Schuster**

**Samantha Stevens**  
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Senior Warden

**Ed Crawford**  
Junior Warden

**Samantha Stevens**  
Financial Secretary

**Ashley Carrera**  
Treasurer

**Brad Dieringer**  
Clerk

**Ed Crawford**  
School Board Liaison

## Mark Your Calendars

**Wed 4/1** Lenten Series  
(week 4 information sent out)

**Sat 4/4** Outreach Meeting

**Mon 4/5** Palm Sunday

**Mon 4/6** Vestry Meeting

**Mon 4/9** Maundy Thursday

**Mon 4/10** Good Friday

**Sat 4/11** Women's Book Group

**Mon 4/12** Easter Day

**Mon 4/20** School Board Meeting

**Wed 4/15** Wednesday Weavings

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## Feast Days

1	Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, 1872	15	Damien, Priest, 1889 and Marianne Cope, Monastic 1918 of Hawaii
3	Mary of Egypt, Hermit and Penitent, c.421	16	Peter Williams Cassey, Priest, 1917 and Annie Besant Cassey, 1875
4	Martin Luther King, Jr., Pastor and Martyr, 1968	17	Kateri Tekakwitha, Prophetic Witness, 1680
5	Harriet Starr Cannon, Monastic, 1896	21	Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury and Theologian, 1109
8	William Augustus Muhlenberg, Priest, 1877	22	Hadewijch of Brabant, Poet and Mystic, 13th century
9	Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Pastor and Theologian, 1945	23	Toyohiko Kagawa, Prophetic Witness, 1960
10	William Law, Priest, 1761	25	<b>Saint Mark the Evangelist</b>
14	Zenaida, Philonella, and Hermione, Unmercenary Physicians, c. 100, c.117	27	Zita of Tuscany, Worker of Charity, 1271
		29	Catherine of Siena, Mystic and Prophetic Witness, 1380

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## Rector's Corner



Dear St. George's Family,

Each and every one of us is navigating uncharted waters as we live into a new reality amidst the current pandemic. Our individual and communal lives have changed dramatically and will continue to change, but I know deep within my heart that the love that God has for each one of us has not wavered. God's continual presence remains, even in the midst of fear, anxiety, and the unknown. As I write this on my front porch while watching a beautiful spring shower, I am thankful for you, I am thankful for St. George's, and I am thankful for God who is with us.

As we approach Holy Week and Easter together, and yet not together, I encourage you to incorporate some traditional spiritual practices into your home and family life. I particularly invite you to join with the wider St. George's community in praying through the assigned Scripture readings for each day of Holy Week using the techniques of *lectio divina* (see article on page 5).

All members of our community have been immediately affected by the current state of the world, whether financially, spiritually, or medically. Know that I am available for you. Know that I love you. As we continue as community in a sort of physical exile from one another, I encourage you to pray for one another, to reach out to someone from the church to say hello, and, if you are able, to provide financial assistance to those who are struggling.

Of course, not everything is grim and dire. I give thanks for the resiliency of St. George's. Our love for God and one another is truly apparent. I give thanks for the newest member of our community, Henry! I give thanks for the engagement of a new couple in Christ. Read more in this publication about these celebrations (see articles on pages 7 and 8).

As we are all aware, news about the pandemic and our responses to it changes weekly, daily, and even hourly. Bishop Doyle and the diocesan office have done a tremendous job providing us with information, resources, and directives over the past few weeks. That communication will continue. I receive the bishop's communications on Thursday afternoons, and I will continue to share the relevant part of that information with all of you on Thursdays as well.

Please know that you are not alone during this time. I am always a phone call, a text, or an email away. You remain in my prayers. And, soon, very soon, we will be together again. God bless!

Faithfully,



The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert

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## Online Services



While we are unable to gather in person, we will gather on Sunday mornings to worship together online. The links to access the week's service and worship bulletin will be available on our website at [www.sgchurch.org](http://www.sgchurch.org). Please join us at **10:30 am** each **Sunday morning** for the **Liturgy of the Word**. See page 5 for a schedule of Holy Work services (also available on the website), all of which take place online.

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## Deacon's Corner

Dear St. George's Family,

These are strange times in which we find ourselves. Many of my ministries have been suspended until the shelter-in-place order is lifted, but I continue to do some of my work with the homeless. I have distributed excess food from several sources to folks living outside, and I have been touched by their gratitude. One drop-in center where I work remains open with stringent rules about social distancing, but it's a blessing that it is still open. Mostly, I give thanks for the blessings in my life and am mindful of the many people who are severely impacted by this pandemic. I pray with you all that we can resume our normal lives as soon as possible. Somewhat like 9/11, this crisis has brought us together (though not physically!), and I hope that our sense of a shared humanity remains after this crisis has passed. We know that we are all members of Christ's body, and that we are united in Christ. I hope we carry that same feeling with us after we are no longer shut up in our homes.



During this difficult time, I invite you to remember those who are without food, particularly our homeless neighbors. If you wish to help, please make an [Online Contribution](#) to the Deacon's Discretionary Fund. I am using it to purchase \$10 HEB gift cards and distribute them to those in need. Thank you for supporting St. George's ministry to the poor.

Peace be with you and those you love.

Peace and Blessings,

The Rev. Jim Enelow

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## May Banner Deadline

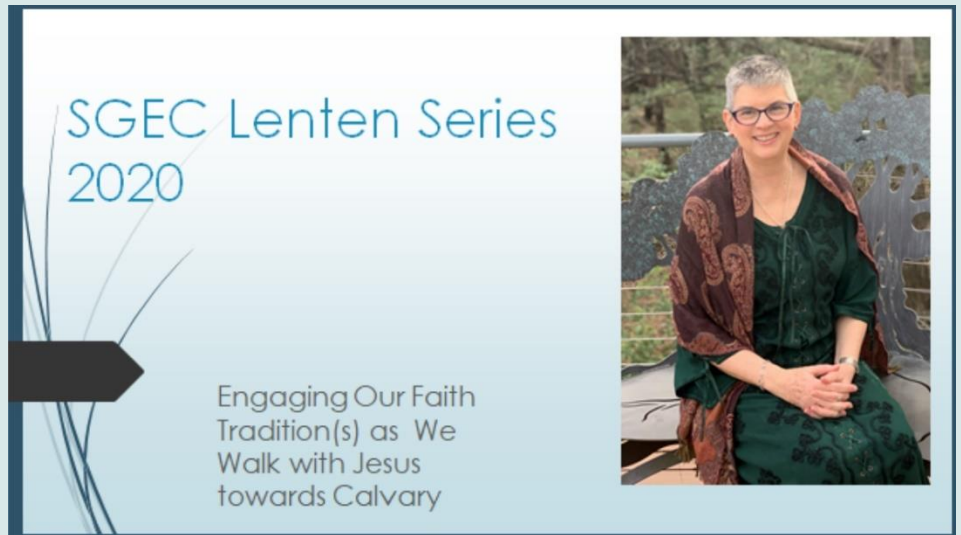


The deadline for news for the May issue of *The Banner* is Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Please email news and articles you would like included in the next issue to [stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com).

## Lenten Series

### Engaging Our Faith Tradition(s) as We Walk with Jesus towards Calvary

Unfortunately, we were unable to gather in person for the last two sessions of this year's Lenten series. But our facilitator, Mikail McIntosh-Doty, has been kind enough to make her materials accessible online. Please visit the [Education](#) page of the St. George's website to access those materials. Slide



presentations for both the third and fourth sessions – **3/25, The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Prior Engagements with Religion**, and **4/1, Were You There? Walking the Stations with Jesus** – are available, along with three Flipgrid videos, which allow participants the opportunity to create a video response.

Mikail McIntosh-Doty is long-time member of St. George's who wants to put some of her degrees to work for the congregation. She has Master's Degrees in Library Science, American History, and Religion, and is currently the University Librarian at Concordia University Texas (LCMS). She grew up Roman Catholic and loves her Catholic roots, but she came to feel truly at home in the Anglican Communion after working in the library at the Seminary of the Southwest and becoming friends with the staff, faculty, and seminarians there. Since 1994, St. George's Episcopal Church has truly been her home.

## Virtual Outreach Meeting



Please join us on **Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**, at **10:00 am**, for a virtual Outreach meeting! Email invitations to the Zoom meeting will be sent to everyone on the Outreach email list. If you are not on (or aren't sure if you're on) that list but want to receive an invitation, please contact Frances Rickard at [fajrickard@gmail.com](mailto:fajrickard@gmail.com).

The meeting will give participants a chance to connect with each other and to discuss the continued work of St. George's Outreach and the projects that are most meaningful to us. We hope to have updated guidance from Christopher House about basket delivery during this unusual time. We also hope to get wider visibility for the Any Baby Can food bags and will be looking for anyone interested in the shopping. For more information about Outreach at St. George's, please contact Sarah Campbell at [cowmarket2@gmail.com](mailto:cowmarket2@gmail.com) or Alice Nelson at [mzlsnlsn@gmail.com](mailto:mzlsnlsn@gmail.com).

## Holy Week in Quarantine

Holy Week at St. George's, indeed all over the world, will look very different this year. It is a great loss that we are unable to gather to process with palms together as Jesus enters Jerusalem, wash each other's feet and eat together at the Last Supper, watch with Christ throughout the night at the Garden of Gethsemane, keep vigil at the cross, and embrace each other with the joyful words "Christ is Risen!" on Easter morning. But while our gatherings will be limited, we will gather, and we will observe the movement of Holy Week together. The articles below offer some suggestions for ways to observe Holy Week in our own homes, as well as by joining our online services.

## Holy Week & Easter Services

All Holy Week services will be available via [Facebook Live](#) and Zoom. (The Zoom link will be sent in an email to parishioners; for more information, contact [stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com).) Visit the St. George's website at [www.sgchurch.org](http://www.sgchurch.org) before each service for the Facebook link and to download the bulletin.

**PALM SUNDAY, April 5, 10:30 am** – Liturgy of the Word, with Blessing of the Palms and the reading of the Passion

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 9, 7:00 pm** – Liturgy of the Word

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 10, 12:00 pm** – Good Friday service, with reading of the Passion and meditation on the Stations of the Cross

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 12, 10:30 am** – Liturgy of the Word

All these services will be available via [Facebook Live](#) and Zoom. (The Zoom link will be sent in an email to parishioners; for more information, contact [stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com).) Bulletins will be available on the St. George's website at [www.sgchurch.org](http://www.sgchurch.org).



## Creating Sacred Space



As we approach Holy Week, many of us find ourselves missing the sacred space of St. George's and other churches even more. One way to deal with that is to create our own sacred space in our homes. Some of you may already have spaces at home that you use for prayer or meditation. It can be helpful to have a space that's set aside for those purposes, and that has visual reminders of why we're there, just as our churches do. Such a space can be as large or small as space allows, with whatever objects – candles, icons, flowers, prayer books, etc. – work to center you and remind you of God's presence wherever you are.

The Diocese of Colorado has created a resource for [Creating Sacred Space for Families](#) that you may find helpful. It includes a few websites with ideas for creating a home altar, and others about practices that can help us walk through Holy Week with children or on our own, to help us feel connected to the church's ancient traditions even as we are temporarily exiled from its buildings.

## Lectio Divina

You are invited to join with the community of St. George's in praying through the [assigned Scripture readings for each day of Holy Week](#) using the techniques of *lectio divina*. **Lectio Divina**, literally “divine reading,” is an ancient Christian practice for reading the Bible in a way that helps one become personally immersed in the Scriptures. The monastic practice of *lectio divina* was established by St. Benedict in the 6<sup>th</sup> century, and it became and remains a central part of Benedictine spirituality. This form of reading Scripture leads to meditation and prayer, with wisdom and appreciation as its goals, as distinct from scholarly reading, which leads to questions and discussions, with science and knowledge as objectives.



**Lectio Divina** is divided into four movements:

- **Lectio (Read)** – Read a passage of Scripture slowly and deliberately. Read the text, ideally aloud, at least twice with a slightly different emphasis each time.
- **Meditatio (Meditate)** – Pay attention, ponder, allow words to penetrate your awareness through use of faculties such as imagination, senses, visualization, and feelings. Remain open to receiving a meaning rather than assigning one. What is the inner meaning of the text? What is the Holy Spirit saying to me right now?
- **Oratio (Pray)** – Respond to the text using language; pray in response to stirring that arises out of interaction with the text. Does the text alter how you view the world, yourself, or God? What attitudes in yourself does the passage bring to light? Offer your responses to God.
- **Contemplatio (Contemplation)** – Rest in silence, in the presence of God, and allow what you have heard and felt to be absorbed into your being. Let go of reasoning, thinking, feeling. This is the time to rest in love and grace. Words are not necessary in this part of the prayer, because you are simply resting in God's presence.

## Good Friday Offering



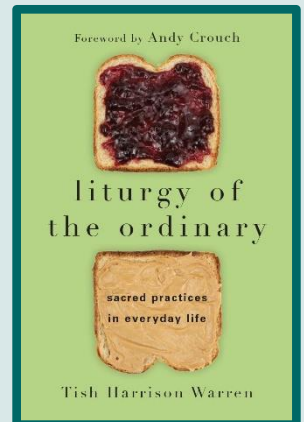
Good Friday at St. George's  
Anglican Cathedral,  
Jerusalem

St. Paul recognized the spiritual benefit of the connection between the gentile followers of Jesus, spread throughout modern Turkey and Greece, with the faithful in the land where Jesus was born, lived, died and rose again. St. Paul would never use a term like “solidarity” to describe the importance of this relationship with the believers in Jerusalem, but that is what he sought. He sought a sense of solidarity, a unity of spirit beyond the categories of “Jew” or “gentile” – indeed being neither male nor female, but one in Christ Jesus.

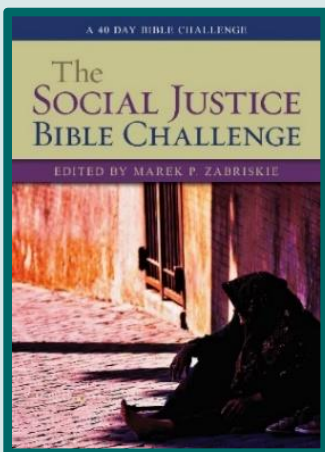
The Good Friday Offering carries on a similar witness as a tangible connection between Christians in the Episcopal Church and Christians throughout Jerusalem and the Middle East who welcome our prayers, advocacy, and financial support in keeping the faith alive through their ministries of education, health care, pastoral care and hospitality throughout the Land of the Holy One. For more information or to make a donation, visit the [Good Friday Offering](#) page of the national church's website.

## Women's Book Group

The next meeting of the Women's Book Group will take place on **Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** from **3:00 to 5:00 pm**, via Zoom. We will discuss *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life*, by Tish Harrison Warren. All St. George's women are welcome to attend; this group is open and welcoming of all. The Zoom invitation will be sent out to the group's email list prior to the meeting. To be added to the list, or with any questions, please contact Sandra Villalaz at **512-762-8349** or [sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com). Happy reading!



## Wednesday Weavings



After our break for Lent, St. George's Wednesday night adult discussion group, Wednesday Weavings, will resume with one meeting via Zoom in April. All are welcome to join the group for a service of Compline and the evening's reading from the Forward Movement publication, *The Social Justice Bible Challenge*. This month we will meet on **April 15<sup>th</sup>**, from **7:00 to 8:00 pm**. Frances Rickard will send out the Zoom invitation prior to the meeting to the group's email list; to be added to the email list or with any other questions, contact Frances Rickard at [fajrickard@gmail.com](mailto:fajrickard@gmail.com). We hope you can join us!

## Welcome, Henry!

Congratulations to Anne and Eric Bandholz, who welcome a new son to the world, and to Eleanor, who welcomes a new brother! Henrik (Henry) Klaus Bandholz was born on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, at 8:27 am, weighing 8 pounds 8 ounces, and measuring 21 inches long. Anne says, "We are both doing great. Thanks for your prayers and support!"



*We give thanks for the blessing you have bestowed upon this family in giving them a child. Confirm their joy by a lively sense of your presence among them, O God, and give them calm strength and patient wisdom as they seek to bring this child to love all that is true and noble, just and pure, lovable and gracious, excellent and admirable, following the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

Amen.

## Congratulations, Jim and Cynthia



In another piece of good news, our deacon Jim Enelow, is engaged to be married! His fiancée is the Rev. Cynthia Caruso, until recently the Associate Rector at All Souls' Episcopal Church here in Austin. The date has not yet been set, but we wish Jim and Cynthia all the best in their life together!

*O God, send your blessing upon these your servants, Jim and Cynthia, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

*Amen.*

## Grocery Delivery

HEB is partnering with Favor Delivery service to offer a low-cost grocery delivery service for seniors. H-E-B and Favor will



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staff a Senior Support phone line with volunteers from both companies to accept and process orders over the phone from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm (hours are subject to change), seven days a week. To access the Senior Support Line, call **1-833-397-0080**. Seniors can also place their orders on [Favor's website](#), or by downloading the Favor app and searching for "H-E-B". The service sends a Favor Runner to HEB to shop and then deliver the groceries directly to your doorstep, where they are left outside, for both people's safety. In addition to the cost of the groceries, the service has a \$10 flat fee which goes directly to the Favor Runner. All payment is by credit card.

## Two-Way Prayer Group



For the best two years, the Rev. Bill Wigmore has been leading a weekly meeting at St. George's focused on Two Way Prayer. This simple prayer practice centers on finding and listening for God's Voice. This group has been meeting on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am, and they have continued to meet virtually over the past few weeks. As we review and reassess

all that happens at St. George's, putting as much of it as possible online, it seemed an ideal time to reintroduce this group to the congregation. If you are interested in learning more or in participating in the Two-Way Prayer group, please contact Bill at [revbillw@gmail.com](mailto:revbillw@gmail.com) or 512-422-6208.



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## News from the School

I pray this message finds everyone safe and healthy. Thus far, we here at the school are all healthy and adapting to our new circumstances. We closed the school on March 16<sup>th</sup>, but we have not stopped working, as many of you have not either. We are adapting our work to fit the city, state, and federal ordinances.

With the support of the School Board, I have been in contact with our families and teachers, providing them with as much support as we can. Here are some facts and responses to this situation that have been communicated to families and teachers so far:



- Teachers are providing online learning during the entire time we are closed through the school's social media app. They are doing an amazing job of this. I am very proud of how they have stepped up and used their creativity to stay connected with the children and parents.
- I am continually sending emails when new information arises (I have access to many local agencies, who are doing a phenomenal job with communication).
- Gabi, our Director of Operations, is continuing to monitor phone messages, emails and snail mail, to pay bills, and to process payroll (teachers are still being paid at this time).
- Our teachers receive many benefits, but unfortunately, unemployment benefits are not available to our staff due to our tax-exempt status.
- Father Kevin will create weekly video chapel services, which we will send out to our families.
- The Parent-Teacher-Friends Committee and I will be discussing our annual spring fundraiser, A Knight for St. George's.
- Brandy, our Director of Education, is monitoring curriculum plans with teachers and supporting their needs.
- We are also sharing our online learning ideas with a local child care resource company, HappiFamli, to support others working with young children.
- During our closing, carpets are being sanitized or replaced, and before returning to school a commercial decontamination/disinfection spray is scheduled.
- We are working with our accountant to get a better understanding of the disaster relief bill and how it applies to us.

The impact this virus has caused, while scary, has also brought us together in a way that honors our humanity. The outpouring of love, compassion, ingenuity, and strength has lifted my spirits during what could be an overwhelming and depressing time. We are all there for one another, staying connected through video chats and emails. The early childhood community has stepped up to lend each other a helping hand through various support systems. The Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools, the Texas Private School Association, the National Association for the Education of Young Children, United Way for Greater Austin, Austin Public Health, Child Care Licensing, and Texas Workforce have all been instrumental in advocating for the needs of child care centers during this crisis.

This is not over, but as Father Kevin always reminds us in Chapel, God loves us, God is always with us, and we never have to worry! A great message to remember at this time.

Peace and Blessings,  
Jerri Thompson, Head of School

## April Birthdays & Anniversaries



*We wish the following parishioners a happy birthday:*

Caroline Braun (Apr 1)  
Rylee Worcester (Apr 4)  
Ralph Hausser (Apr 8)  
Anne Bandholz (Apr 10)  
Walter Long (Apr 13)

Ariane Corcoran (Apr 24)  
Ole Ibsen (Apr 25)  
Chloe Carrera (Apr 28)  
Claire Jones (Apr 29)

*And a happy anniversary to:*

Kelly & Suzette Puckett (Apr 1)  
Laura Henkel & Susan Highfield (Apr 2)  
Belinda and David McGhee (Apr 17)  
Caroline & Justin Braun (Apr 24)  
Carolyn Porter & David Stuart (Apr 30)



**Congratulations and Best Wishes!**



## Links for Further Information

[St. George's Church website](#)  
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